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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: SAUDI TIP ACTION PLAN

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¶1. (SBU) DCM hand-delivered the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) 2009 Tier 3 Short-Term Action Plan (reftel) to Vice Minister of Labor Dr. Abdulwahed Al-Humaid July 26. Humaid said Saudi Arabia takes trafficking issues seriously, and the United States should revisit the Tier 3 ranking in light of recent progress by the Saudi government, such as the Council of Ministers' passage of anti-TIP legislation July 13, and the Shoura Council's passage of domestic labor legislation the same day (septel). Humaid asserted that the Labor Ministry was the driving force behind both pieces of legislation. Asked for the final text of the anti-TIP law, Humaid referred the DCM to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
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